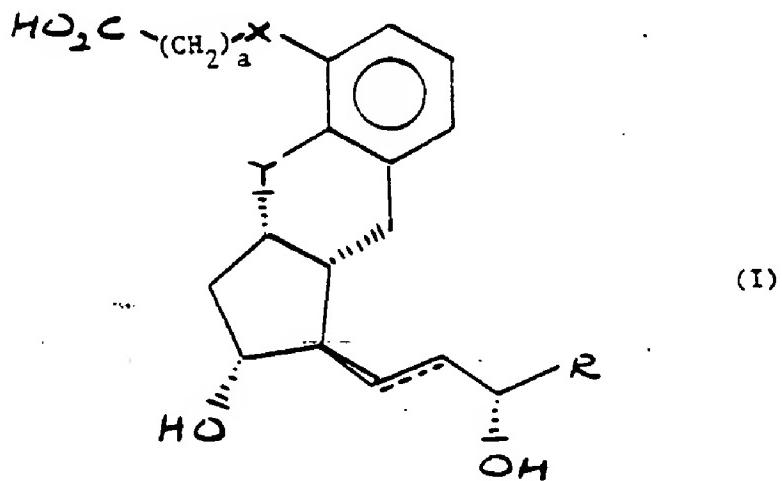


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## **ABSTRACT**

## Compounds for use in medicine

The present invention is concerned with methods for the prophylaxis, treatment and diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension which comprise the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)



wherein  $a$  is an integer of from 1 to 3;

$\beta/\beta X$  and Y, which may be the same or different, are selected from -O- and  $\beta\text{-CH}_2-$ :

$\beta_1, \beta_3$  R is  $-(\text{CH}_2)_5^R$  wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen or methyl, or R is cyclohexyl, or  
 $\beta_1, \beta_3, \beta_5$  R is  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$ ; and

*f/* the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

*PS* or of a physiologically acceptable salt or acid derivative thereof.

*PA* Medicaments and diagnostic aids for use in the methods of the invention are also within the scope of the invention.